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## HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1611

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 36-8-9-3.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 3.1. (a) An ordinance adopted under section 2 of this chapter must provide as follows:**

**(1) The board must consist of either of the following number of members:**

**(A) Three (3) members. If the ordinance provides for a three (3) member board, not more than two (2) board members may be members of the same political party, if individuals who satisfy this requirement can be found to serve on the board.**

**(B) Five (5) members. If the ordinance provides for a five (5) member board, not more than three (3) board members may be members of the same political party, if individuals who satisfy this requirement can be found to serve on the board.**

**(2) Each board member must be a resident of the town.**

**(3) The town legislative body shall appoint each board member.**

**(4) Except as provided in subdivision (5), the term of each board member expires January 1 of the third year after the member's appointment.**

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(5) The ordinance must provide for staggered terms of the board members and the method for staggering the terms. If the board has three (3) members, the term of one (1) board member must expire each year. If the board has five (5) members, the terms of not more than two (2) board members may expire each year.

(6) The town legislative body may remove a board member for any cause that the legislative body considers sufficient.

(7) The town legislative body may not appoint a police officer employed by the town to serve on the board.

(b) The ordinance may provide that a member of the town legislative body may serve as an ex officio member of the board. If the ordinance permits members of the town legislative body to serve as members of the board, the following apply:

(1) The ordinance must state the maximum number of board members that may also be members of the town legislative body.

(2) The ordinance must provide either of the following:

(A) That a board member vacates the member's position on the board when the member is no longer a member of the town legislative body.

(B) That a board member may continue to serve until the end of the board member's term even if the board member vacates the member's position on the town legislative body.

(3) A board member who is also a member of the town legislative body may not receive compensation as a board member provided under subsection (g).

(4) A board member who is also a member of the town legislative body is not required to post the bond required by subsection (f).

(c) This subsection does not apply to a board member who is a member of the town legislative body. Before performing any function of a board member, an individual shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation of office before the circuit court clerk of the county in which the town is located.

(d) This subsection applies to all board members. Before performing any function of a board member, an individual shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before the circuit court clerk of the county in which the town is located that, in each appointment or removal made by the board to or from the town police department under this chapter, the board member will not appoint or remove a member of the town police department

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because of the political affiliation of the person or for another cause or reason other than that of the fitness of the person.

(e) The circuit court clerk shall file oaths and affirmations required by this section among the circuit court clerk's records.

(f) This subsection does not apply to a board member who is a member of the town legislative body. A board member shall give bond in the penal sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), payable to the state and conditioned upon the faithful and honest discharge of the member's duties. The bond must be approved by the town legislative body.

(g) The town legislative body shall fix the salary of board members who are not members of the town legislative body. A board member's salary is payable monthly out of the town treasury.

(h) If the board has three (3) members, the town legislative body may amend the ordinance at any time to increase the number of board members to five (5). The amended ordinance and the appointment of board members must satisfy all the requirements of subsection (a).

(i) A board established in compliance with section 3 of this chapter (before its repeal) is considered a board established under this section. A town legislative body may amend an ordinance adopted in compliance with section 3 of this chapter (before its repeal) as provided in this section.

SECTION 2. IC 36-8-9-3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001].

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